



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**JOINT RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA TO TRANSFER JURISDICTION OVER AND APPROVING AND
ACCEPTING THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF BENEFIT ASSESSMENT REVENUES FOR
LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ACT DISTRICT NUMBER 2, ZONE NUMBERS 20 (EL DORADO
VILLAGE), 44 (BOUQUET CANYON), 48 (SHADOW HILLS) AND 62 (CANYON HEIGHTS) AND
LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ACT DISTRICT NUMBER 4, ZONE NUMBERS 67 (MIRAMONTES),
71 (HASKELL CANYON RANCH) AND 72 (COPPERHILL 22); SITUATED WITHIN THE
TERRITORIAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA; FROM THE COUNTY OF LOS
ANGELES TO THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Adoption of the Joint Resolutions for the transfer of jurisdiction over Landscape and Lighting Act District Number 2, Zone Numbers 20 (El Dorado Village), 44 (Bouquet Canyon), 48 (Shadow Hills) and 62 (Canyon Heights) and Landscape and Lighting Act District Number 4, Zone Numbers 67 (Miramontes), 71 (Haskell Canyon Ranch) and 72 (Copperhill 22) and the accumulated Benefit Assessment Revenues in the respective zones to the City of Santa Clarita.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed actions not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act, because the actions do not meet the definition of a project and for the reasons cited herein.

2. Adopt the Joint Resolutions transferring jurisdiction over the above described Districts, and approving and accepting the negotiated exchange of benefit assessment revenues for Landscape and Lighting Act District Number 2, Zone Numbers 20 (El Dorado Village), 44 (Bouquet Canyon), 48 (Shadow Hills), and 62 (Canyon Heights) and Landscape and Lighting Act District Number 4, Zone Numbers 67 (Miramontes), 71 (Haskell Canyon Ranch) and 72 (Copperhill 22) from the County of Los Angeles to the City of Santa Clarita.

3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to terminate for convenience Landscape Maintenance Agreements, Contract Numbers 76921 and 76923 and that portion of the Tesoro Del Valle Area Zone Landscape Maintenance Agreement, Contract Number 76080, covering the maintenance of Zone Numbers 71 (Haskell Canyon Ranch) and Zone 72 (Copperhill 22).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The recommended actions would result in the transfer of jurisdiction of Lighting and Landscaping Act District Number 2, Zone Numbers 20 (El Dorado Village), 44 (Bouquet Canyon), 48 (Shadow Hills) and 62 (Canyon Heights) and Landscape and Lighting Act District Number 4, Zone Numbers 67 (Miramontes), 71 (Haskell Canyon Ranch) and 72 (Copperhill 22) from the County of Los Angeles (County) to the City of Santa Clarita (City), and the approval and acceptance of the negotiated exchange of benefit assessment revenues in Zone Numbers 20, 44, 48, 62, 67, 71 and 72 effective on the latter of April 1, 2013, or a different date mutually agreed to in writing by the parties.

These actions are in accordance with Section 22612 of the California Streets and Highways Code (Streets and Highways Code), and Section 99 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code (Revenue and Taxation Code).

On July 10, 2012, the Board approved annexation No. 2011-22, which covers the area of Zone Numbers 20, 44, 48, 62, 67, 71 and 72 from the County to the City. The City Council approved and adopted Joint Resolution No's. 12-77, 12-78, 12-79, 12-80, 12-81, 12-82, and 12-83 at its regular meeting on January 8, 2013.

On November 28, 2012, the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) approved the annexation No. 2011-22, which covers area of Zone Numbers 20, 44, 48, 62, 67, 71, and 72 from the County to the City.

As a result of the transfer of jurisdiction of Zone Numbers 20, 44, 48, 62, 67, 71 and 72 to the City, the City will be providing landscaping services through its own procured contractor. Therefore, it is in the best interests of the County that Contract Numbers 76921 and 76923 in their entirety and the portion of Contract No. 76080 pertaining only to Zone Numbers 71 and 72 be terminated for convenience.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These actions will further the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Sustainability (Goal Two), strengthen and enhance the County's capacity to sustain essential County services through proactive and prudent fiscal policies and stewardship. These recommendations, in compliance with the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 and Article XIID of the California Constitution, will allow the Board acting as the governing body of Landscape and Lighting Act (LLA) District Numbers 2 and 4, to transfer jurisdiction over LLA District No. 2, Zone Numbers 20 (El Dorado Village), 44 (Bouquet Canyon), 48 (Shadow Hills) and 62 (Canyon Heights) and Landscape and Lighting Act (LLA) District

Number 4, Zone Numbers 67 (Miramontes), 71 (Haskell Canyon Ranch) and 72 (Copperhill 22) from the County to the City, effective on the latter of (a) April 1, 2013; or (b) a different date mutually agreed to in writing by the County and the City.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The County's operation of Zone Numbers 20, 44, 48, 62, 67, 71 and 72 have been fully funded from special benefit assessment levies established by your Board and collected by the County Tax Assessor for each Zone. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12 and FY 2012 – 13 assessments for Zone Numbers 20, 44, 48, 62, 67, 71 and 72 are included in Attachment A.

County operation of these Zones and their transfer to the City has no impact on the County's General Fund. This Department recommends approval of the transfer of jurisdiction of Zone Numbers 20 (El Dorado Village), 44 (Bouquet Canyon), 48 (Shadow Hills), 62 (Canyon Heights), 67 (Miramontes), 71 (Haskell Canyon Ranch) and 72 (Copperhill 22) to the City and accepting the negotiated exchange of benefit assessment revenues to enable the City to assume direct control of the services benefiting its residents. As provided for in the attached resolutions, the County shall provide the City all funds in three installments.

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

The recommended actions will have no impact on the Department's operating budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Streets and Highways Code Section provides that if all of the territory of a district is included within one city as a result of an annexation, the legislative body governing that district may transfer jurisdiction over the district to the city council of the city by a joint resolution setting forth the mutually agreed upon terms and conditions under which the transfer is to take place.

Section 99 of the Revenue and Taxation Code provides that prior to the effective date of any jurisdictional change, the governing bodies of all agencies whose service areas or service responsibilities would be altered by such change must determine the amount of benefit assessment revenue to be exchanged between the affected agencies and approve and accept the negotiated exchange of benefit assessment revenue by resolution, but if the affected agency is a special district, the Board of Supervisors must negotiate on behalf of the district.

Pursuant to Section 9.41, Termination for Convenience, Paragraph 9.41.1, of Contract Numbers 76921 and 76923, the date upon which such termination becomes effective shall be no less than ten (10) days after the delivery to the Contractor of a Notice of Termination. The landscape and ground maintenance services at Zone Numbers 20 (El Dorado Village), 44 (Bouquet Canyon), 48 (Shadow Hills), 62 (Canyon Heights) and 67 (Miramontes) shall terminate effective April 30, 2013.

County Counsel has approved the enclosed Joint Resolutions as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Section 15378 (b)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines because the actions are administrative activities which by their terms do not involve any

commitments to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Furthermore, upon conveyance of the County-owned Properties, the City will be responsible for complying with any CEQA requirements in connection with the use and improvements of the property.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of these recommendations will result in the transfer of jurisdiction over Landscape and Lighting Act (LLA) District Number 2, Zone Numbers 20 (El Dorado Village), 44 (Bouquet Canyon), 48 (Shadow Hills), 62 (Canyon Heights) and Landscape and Lighting Act (LLA) District Number 4, Zone 67 (Miramontes), 71 (Haskell Canyon Ranch) and 72 (Copperhill 22), and the accumulated Benefit Assessment Revenues for each Zone to the City of Santa Clarita.

CONCLUSION

It is requested that an executed copy of this document be retained by the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board, one adopted copy each be forwarded to the Chief Executive Office, County Counsel and Auditor-Controller, and two adopted copies be forwarded to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

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Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures

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County Counsel
Auditor Controller

LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT DISTRICT NO. 2
LIST OF ASSESSEMENTS
FOR

ZONE NO. 20 (EL DORADO VILLAGE)

Zone	Budgeted Assessment 2011-2012	Budgeted Assessment 2012-2013	Increase/ Decrease	Supervisory District
20 (El Dorado Village)			\$0	5

ZONE NO. 44 (BOUQUET CANYON)

Zone	Budgeted Assmt. 2011-2012	Budgeted Assmt. 2012-2013	Increase/ Decrease	Supervisory District
44 (Bouquet Canyon)			\$0	5

ZONE NO. 48 (SHADOW HILLS)

Zone	Budgeted Assessment 2011-2012	Budgeted Assessment 2012-2013	Increase/ Decrease	Supervisory District
48 (Shadow Hills)			\$0	5

ZONE NO. 62 (CANYON HEIGHTS)

Zone	Budgeted Assessment 2011-2012	Budgeted Assessment 2012-2013	Increase/ Decrease	Supervisory District
62 (Canyon Heights)			\$0	5

LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT DISTRICT NO. 4**LIST OF ASSESSEMENTS****FOR****ZONE NO. 67 (MIRAMONTES)**

Zone	Budgeted Assessment 2011-2012	Budgeted Assessment 2012-2013	Increase/ Decrease	Supervisory District
67 (Miramontes)			\$0	5

ZONE NO.71 (HASKELL CANYON RANCH)

Zone	Budgeted Assessment 2011-2012	Budgeted Assessment 2012-2013	Increase/ Decrease	Supervisory District
71 (Haskell Canyon Ranch)			\$0	5

ZONE NO.72 (COPPERHILL 22)

Zone	Budgeted Assessment 2011-2012	Budgeted Assessment 2012-2013	Increase/ Decrease	Supervisory District
72 (Copperhill 22)			\$0	5